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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Information Disclosure Statement;
- (3) PTO Form 1449 with cited references;
- (4) European Search Report of April 29, 2004;
- (5) International Search Report of April 29, 2004;
- (6) German Search Report December 10, 2003.

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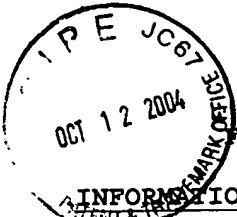
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